IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Christian Herbst-Dederichs

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Title : PISTON RINGS

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Examiner

Docket No. : 710270-040

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the first action, please amend the application as follows: